

REMARKS

Entry of new claim 12 is requested prior to examination of this application. Applicant received a Notice of Omitted Items with respect to a missing page 21 of the application. This page included original claim 12. Since the application was otherwise in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.51, it is believed that this application is entitled to its original filing date and that formal response to the Notice of Omitted Items is not required.

Claims 13-17 in the originally filed application refer to claim 12. This Preliminary Amendment supplies claim 12. Consideration of the application as amended is hereby requested. In addition, Applicant requests that the application be published as amended. A complete copy of the amended application in compliance with the electronic filing system requirements is appended hereto.

Respectfully submitted,



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COPY OF ADDED CLAIM

12. A building protection system for controlling the flow of a utility, such as water or gas, through an inlet line into a building, comprising:

a valve disposed in the inlet line and having an open position permitting flow of the utility into the building and a closed position preventing flow of the utility into the building, said valve responsive to an electrical signal to move between said open and said closed positions;

a sensing switch operable to generate a sensing signal in response to sensing a leak of the utility in the building;

a wireless transmitter connected to said sensing switch and configured to generate a transmitted signal corresponding to said sensing signal, said transmitter being positioned remote from said valve;

a wireless receiver operably associated with said valve and configured to receive said transmitted signal and to generate said electrical signal in relation to said transmitted signal; and

an auto-dialer associated with said receiver and connected to a phone system, said auto-dialer configured to automatically dial a stored phone number in response to receipt of said transmitted signal by said receiver.